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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 25, 2014

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority at 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 9:33 A.M.

Present were: Chairman Ileana Drobkin, Member Josh Miller, Member Joseph Hardy, Member Dennis Nolan and Member Dean Collins. Others present: Charles D. Harvey, Administrator; Legal Counsel, Ryan Sunga, Deputy Attorney General; Ruben Aquino, Chief Investigator; Christine Guerri-Nyhus, Deputy Attorney General and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb.

1. Call to Order –

Chair Drobkin called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Member Josh Miller.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Administrator Charles Harvey stated that we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

4. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

\* 5. Approval of the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes and February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approval of the January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes  
By: Member Nolan  
Seconded: Member Miller  
Member Hardy did not agree to final vote for EDC  
Vote: Passed with changes to EDC vote

6. Discussion with Maria Soto, Traffic Manager for LVCVA, regarding recent taxicab service.

Maria Soto spoke on the ConExpo/ConAgg Convention that comes to Las Vegas every 3 years. This year there were 129,300 attendees which was a record year for this event. All parking areas were used for their equipment. All cab stands were relocated as there was no parking on property. Throughout the entire event, taxicab service was a challenge due to NASCAR in town at the same time, due to inclement weather around the country, flights were delayed coming into Vegas. Because of cab service not improving, they had to distribute 700 monorail passes during the show to move people off the property.

ASD and Big League weekend went better with the help of YCS, Frias and Whittlesea road supervisors.

This week they will have several overlapping conventions – Catersource, Nightclub and bar, Pizza Expo and International Wireless with a total of 65,000 attendees.

NAB is coming April 7 through April 10 with an expected 96,000 attendees. She stated that these attendees do move around town and use a lot of cabs for off property meetings, parties and dinners. There will also be a lot of after-hour events on the show floors therefore they will need cabs later into the evening.

On behalf of LVCVA, Maria Soto presented Road Supervisors Joel Willden of YCS and Art Reynolds from Frias plaques for their outstanding service to LVCVA in keeping cabs coming and moving when needed.

7. Discussion with Freddie Kirtley, Assistant Director, Landside Operations, McCarran International Airport.

Ms. Kirtley stated that there was a 7.5% increase from last year. They loaded 50,000 cabs on Monday. She stated that there is a 3% increase over last year. They have had no issues with cabs.

8. Discussion with Larry Montoya, Security Manager, Sands Expo, regarding recent taxicab service.

Mr. Montoya stated that service was real good. The upcoming shows ISC West in on April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>, then Collaborate is on property from 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. He gave kudos as well to the road supervisors.

\* 9. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Application of Jamie D. Burton to Potentially Act as the Trustee of the Jamie D. Burton Beneficiary Trust.

Eric Taylor, Esq., attorney for Jamie D. Burton asked the Board if they had any questions, there were none.

Chief Aquino spoke about the process that was followed by Investigator Rivers with regard to doing a background check on Ms. Burton because there was never one done in the past. He cited the NACs that have to be followed during the background check which are the last page of Investigator Rivers' report. They are NAC 706.465 – Transfer of interest in certificate or in corporation holding certificate; and NAC 706.453 – Certificate: Qualifications of applicant; investigation.





Motion: To approve the Application of Jamie D. Burton to Potentially Act as the Trustee of the Jamie D. Burton Beneficiary Trust  
By: Member Hardy  
Seconded: Member Collins  
Vote: Passed unanimously

- \*10. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Joint Application of Harry Eliades and Agapi Eliades, Trustees of the Harry Eliades and Agapi Eliades Revocable Family Trust, dated May 23, 1988, for Authority to Transfer Interests in Certificate Holders.

Leighton Koehler, Esq., attorney for the Eliades family asked the Board if they had any questions, they did not.

Chief Aquino stated that, again, Investigator Rivers did the investigation according to the NACs stated prior. The 3 applicants were found to be fit, willing and able with no findings to prevent this application to be approved. The reason these applicants were investigated at this time was because it had been 10 years since the last investigation and information had to be refreshed. He stated that with regard to this application and that of Jamie D. Burton, all information will be kept in locked files.

Motion: To approve the Joint Application of Harry Eliades and Agapi Eliades, Trustees of the Harry Eliades and Agapi Eliades Revocable Family Trust, dated May 23, 1988, for Authority to Transfer Interests in Certificate Holders.  
By: Member Miller  
Seconded: Member Nolan  
Vote: Passed unanimously

- \*11. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the allocation of temporary medallions for the 2014 Laughlin River Run motorcycle rally that runs Wednesday, April 23 thru Sunday, April 27, 2014, in Laughlin, Nevada.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation stating that the last allocation for this event was in 2011 and only for Lucky Cab and Desert Cab as they are the only companies that ask for extra medallions for this event. All the other companies have 2 medallions that can go South of Sunset. He stated that the number of expected participants has increased this year and staff has no objection issuing temporary medallions to Lucky Cab and Desert Cab.

The Chair allowed intervenors.

Intervenors are Lucky Cab Company, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Deluxe Taxicab Service, Desert Cab Company and Western Cab Company.

Desiree Dante, Lucky Cab, speaking on behalf of the intervenors, stated that they are requesting the following –

*Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon through Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon – 2 medallions to run continuously.*



Motion: Approve requested allocation of 2 temporary medallions to run continuously from Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon through Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon  
By: Member Collins  
Seconded: Member Miller  
Vote: Passed unanimously

- \*12. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the temporary allocation of medallions for the 2014 Electric Daisy Carnival at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway from Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, dusk 'til dawn.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation stating 130,000 tickets sold out in 7 hours. He said that is 130,000 each day of the festival. With that many people and problems from past years of not enough cabs, he has no objection regarding the request of the companies adding that it would make more sense to allocate 12 medallions straight through the festival. The reason being that there will be other small events on the Strip for people not going to the festival who will need cab service. It takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour for the round trip to and from LVMS which ties up the cabs not leaving enough to service the rest of Las Vegas. He also stated that no one is at the TA to receive the medallions over the weekend so it would make more sense to run the 12 and 12 straight through.

Desiree Dante, Lucky Cab, spoke on behalf of the intervenors. They had all requested a temporary allocation of 12 and 12 on Friday and Saturday and 8 and 8 on Sunday. After listening to Kelly Kuzik's reasoning with regard to bringing back the 4 medallions on a weekend when no one is here to take them, it made more sense to run the 12 straight through especially because of the increase in attendance. Jay Nady of A Cab stated he remembers seeing on the news people walking on the side of the road to get back to the Strip because of no cabs being available.

The intervenors agreed with Kelly Kuzik's across the board allocation, therefore, Lucky Cab made the following adjustment to their request –

*Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 12 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM, any 12 hours; and 12 medallions – 6 PM – 10 AM, any 12 hours.  
Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12 medallions - 12 PM – 2 AM, any 12 hours; and 12 medallions – 6 PM – 10 AM, any 12 hours.*

*ITPE Union requested 8 and 8 and 5 and 5 stating it was only anecdotal comments that the 12 across the board was requested. Jamie Pino of Nellis Cab stated there is proof from last year's numbers that additional cabs are needed.*

Motion: Approve requested allocation of 12 temporary medallions across the board  
By: Member Nolan  
Seconded: Member Miller  
Vote: Motion Passed 3 to 1 – Member Hardy did not agree

Administrator Harvey stated that Chief Aquino will be meeting with EDC some time in the near future.





## 18. Staff Report

Administrator Harvey commented that he is pleased to present his 2013 Annual Review of the on behalf of the dedicated professionals of the Nevada Taxicab Authority. He highlighted their work in support of fulfilling our mission and also outlines areas in which we strive to improve. It represents the commitment by the TA to continuous improvement, highlighting a year of progress, details of old and new initiatives, and core services successfully delivered. He stated he continues to look for ways to increase our effectiveness and proud of the progress already made. 2014 is already a busy year full of challenges and new opportunities are welcome to strengthen operation and enhance programs and services that benefit our residents and visitors. He said it is dedicated in memory of Shalem Garcia-Romero, our colleague who had passed away in February at the age of 23. She touched everyone in her short time with us with her kindness, intelligence and thoughtfulness. He thanked the Board Members, employees and industry partners for their continued support.

He also stated that this will be posted on the website. He commented that relocation plans are coming together and are on schedule regarding the improvements and rebuild. He had the floor plans for anyone who wanted to look at them. The target date for completion is the end of April and the move will be in late May.

Chief Aquino gave an update regarding activities during January, February and March. He stated that long hauling continues to be the #1 priority with conducting undercover activities on the strip and at the airport. Since he has been here, it has been a continued effort. In February, 2014, 275 tickets were written; 103 citations for traffic accidents; over 290 written to appear before the Hearing Officer. There were 390 resolved citations in February – a month of only 28 days. During ConExpo, our bike patrol headed by Investigator Rivers was out Tuesday through Friday. They go out during swing shift hours and show breaks. He has had numerous contacts with Maria Soto. Freddy Caseres, our Administrative Investigator, helps regarding permitting drivers, backgrounds on potential drivers and he is doing a fantastic job. Since February 1<sup>st</sup>, he had 16 denials – the companies do not have the ability to do backgrounds which is why they are done here – he had one recently out on murder. Chief has been holding Company Trainer Roundtable Meetings quarterly which have proved to be very informative for both sides. Information he receives from the trainers is then included in the Tuesday and Thursday classes which are now 3 – 4 hours instead of 6 – 8 hours. He also explained that now instead of an investigator teaching the class, a civilian is teaching it. He commended Investigator Hachikian on the fabulous job he has done teaching the class, but wanted him back on the street being an investigator. The civilian teacher is Carol Handegard, Dispatch Supervisor, whose background is that of a high school teacher as well as a principal.

Chief spoke about new staff at the TA – Public Safety Dispatcher Johnny Fletcher who comes with a military background with a tour in Iraq; Administrative Assistant Joceline Kanaan, who will be working closely with him, who came from the school district, also a school teacher; and Clerical Trainee Corazon Fontillas who comes here with a financial background to help in our accounting department.

He also spoke on the interviews that are being held for a Supervisory Compliance/Enforcement Investigator for graveyard; interviews that were held for a Compliance/Enforcement Investigator for Internal Affairs. He also talked about the 16 new vehicles that were shipped to us in December and are in the process of being equipped with sirens, flashing lights and all other equipment needed for our investigators to do their job. The first one is complete.

He talked about the newsletter that is in the process of development that will be issued quarterly and put on our website as well as in the front office for the drivers with driver information. The Spring Edition will



be ready in the next week or so. He told the industry that if they want anything put in the newsletter to let us know. There will be a Spring, Fall and Winter Newsletter. This is a project he is very proud of and can't wait for the first edition to be ready.

Chair Drobkin asked if it could be on the LVCVA website as well. Member Nolan commented that it should be put out as a press release especially because of all the negative information the TA has been getting.

19. Report of Legal Counsel

DAG Ryan Sunga and DAG Christine Guerri-Nyhus stated that they have nothing to report.

20. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

\*21. Adjournment

Motion:	To adjourn
By:	Member Miller
Seconded:	Member Collins
Vote:	Passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Webb 05-23-14  
Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary Date

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin 05-23-14  
Ileana Drobkin, Chairman Date

Charles D. Harvey 5-27-14  
Charles D. Harvey, Administrator Date

